

The Church of St Severin, Paris

James Holland



Description

James Holland (1799-1870)
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Watercolour over pencil heightened with bodycolour and gum arabic
19.7 by 10.5 cm., 7 ³/₄ by 4 ¹/₄ in.

Provenance:
Edward Croft-Murray (1907-1980), thence by descent;
With Spink-Leger, London, 1997;
Private Collection until 2024

Literature:
Spink-Leger Pictures, Annual Exhibition of Watercolours and Drawings 1997, no. 47, ill.

Exhibited:
London, City Museum and Art Gallery, James Holland, 1970, no.32;
London, Spink-Leger Pictures, Annual Exhibition of Watercolours and Drawings, 20th May - 6th June 1997, no 47;

This dates from one of Holland's first trips to Paris in the early 1830s. The Eglise Saint-Séverin, on the street of the same name, is one of the oldest churches on the Left Bank. Originally dating from the thirteenth century, it was rebuilt after a fire in 1520. A related drawing dated 1831 was with Libson and Yarker in 2020 and another view of the church by Holland is in the Lady Lever Art Gallery, Liverpool (see Stephen Duffy, *The Discovery of Paris*, 2013, pp.84-5, no.35, ill.).